


LISTING OF CLAIMS

Upon entry of this amendment, the complete listing of claims shall be as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for identifying the name of a song input by a first user:
 - a. inputting a voice clip of a portion of the song into a microphone connected to a client machine;
 - b. providing the voice clip to a server connected to the Internet;
 - c. selectively providing further information relating to the song to the server;
 - d. making the voice clip and any further information available to a human visitor to the server;
 - e. permitting multiple human visitors to post an identification~~the name~~ of the song to the server; and
 - f. receiving at the client machine an electronic notification from the server that the song has been identified.
2. (Original) The method as in claim 1, wherein the electronic notification includes a hypertext link to a predetermined page constructable by the server.
3. (Original) The method as in claim 1, wherein the electronic notification includes at least one of the name of the song and the artist.
4. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 1, including the additional steps at the server of:
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a. receiving plural responses to the first user's voice clip from plural additional human users who are not the first user;

b. testing the responses the first user's voice clip for matching data concerning at least one of the name of the song and the artist's identity; and

c. transmitting to the client machine the electronic notification only in the event that a predetermined number of responses include matching data.

5. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 4, including the additional step of issuing a benefit to those additional human users who submitted responses that had matching data.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for fostering a community of users at a Web site, comprising the steps of:

a. downloading a voice clip created by a voice-clip author to a user at a client machine from the Web site;

b. playing the voice clip at the client machine through speakers attached thereto;

c. selectively providing a response from the client machine to the Web site the response including a song name or artist's name;

d. awarding a benefit to the user for the response provided that at least one predetermined criterion is satisfied; and

e. electronically notifying the voice-clip author in the event that said at least one predetermined criterion is satisfied.

16. (Original) The method as in claim 15, including the additional step of issuing a benefit to those additional users who submitted responses that had matching data.

17. (Original) The method as in claim 12, wherein the first user identification information is received automatically from the client machine upon accessing the server.

18. (Original) The method as in claim 12, wherein the first user identification information is received automatically from a cookie stored on the client machine.

19. (Original) The method as in claim 12, wherein the first user identification information is received from the client machine in response to manual input by the first user.

20. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 8, including the additional step of playing a first voice clip among the plural voice clips while a next voice clip among the plural voice clip is loaded into a buffer memory of the client machine.

21. (Previously Presented) A method for fostering a community of users at a Web site, comprising the steps of:

a. receiving at a server associated with the Web site a voice clip of a portion of a song from a first human user among the community of users, the first human user being connected to the server at a first client machine;

- b. presenting for download and playback by additional human users among the community of users the voice clip received from the first user;
- c. permitting multiple ones of the additional human users to post a name of the song to the server; and
- d. selectively providing to the first client machine an electronic notification concerning the name of the song in the voice clip.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, including the additional step of awarding a benefit to the additional human users that have posted the name of the song to the server provided that at least one predetermined criterion is satisfied.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said at least one predetermined criterion comprises a test of the name of the song posted by one of the additional human users for matching data provided by another of the additional human users.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, including the additional step of issuing a benefit to those additional human users who submitted responses that had matching data.